

his civilization to a degree which is callously designed to involve a nation in its totality if it refuses to submit. The unarmed, the defenceless, the weak, the aged, the young of either sex have no privilege of even partial exemption, but rather suffer the more because they have not the strength for self-defence. And, standing rock-like against this monstrous, reckless, merciless destroyer stands the English-speaking island Empire and her overseas daughters, shorn by enemy subjugation of all her allies save one, making us to consider whether a precarious freedom can be enjoyed alone in case of her defeat." He then goes on to discuss, without pronouncing on their validity, the theories of the opportunity for medical development in war as opposed to peace, and from the historical and scientific point of view traces them from their origins. His epilogue ends thus: "Again Britain and her daughter nations, bleeding but with heads unbowed, stand against this monstrous thing. Again America is moving to her side; again the weight of her power will press down the scale pan wherein lie liberty and justice. When the victory shall be won, let our care be that mankind shall also win the peace by lavishing on its nurture something of the same energy, treasure, and self-sacrifice which is poured into the lap of Mars." These words of Dr. Cheever's come as a high encouragement to us on this side of the Atlantic.—*Brit. M. J.*, 1941, 2: 483.

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The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada

The twelfth annual meeting of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, was held in the auditorium of the National Research Laboratories Building, Sussex Street, Ottawa, on Saturday, October 25, 1941.

The Committee on Annual Meeting Program had arranged for the following.

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